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JULIUS ROSENBERG ET AL.

FILE DESCRIPTION

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FILE

SUBJECT

Silvermaster

FILE NO.

65-56402

VOLUME NO.

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File No: 45-56403

Re: Silvermaster

Date: _____ (month/year)

Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
3897	4/6/51	Hennick memo to Belmont	5	4	referred
3898- 3899x	2/26/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
NR	5/1/51	Hennick memo to Belmont	2	2	
3900 + 3901	5/18/51	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3902	5/10/51	NR let HQ	2	2	b1
3902	5/11/51	fab rept NR	4	3	b1
3903	2/26/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3904	6/5/51	" " "	1	1	
3905	5/8/51	HQ let NY	1	1	
3906	5/29/51	NY let HQ	1	1	
3907	5/26/51	HQ let NY	1	1	

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File No: 65-56402

Re: delinquent

Date: _____

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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
3908	8/1/51	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3909	6/1/51	NY TT HQ	1	1	
3910	12/7-14/48	EBF cover sheet w/EBF	1/1	1/1	
NR	6/28/51	HQ let WFO	4	0	b1
NR	7/23/51	NY rept HQ	8	3	2 returned 3 FD b7c b1
NR	7/24/51	NY rept HQ	4	4	b1
3911	6/27/51	NY let HQ w/encl.	1/1	1/1	
3912	7/2/51	NY let HQ	1	1	
3912	7/31/51	HQ let NY	1	1	
3913	8/2/51	WFO let HQ	2	2	
3914	10/22/51	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3915	9/21/51	" " "	1	1	

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Serial	Date	Description (Type of communication, to, from)	No. of Pages		Exemptions used or, to whom referred (Identify statute if (b)(3) cited)
			Actual	Released	
3916	8/14/51	ny letter	1	1	
3916x	8/14/51	Laughlin memo Ladd	1	1	
3916x1	8/16/51	Morgan memo to Laughlin	2	2	
3917	8/21/51	Serial Change out	1	1	b7c
3918	10/24/51	Changed to Short	1	1	
NR	9/16/51	Key memo to Laughlin	1	1	referred
NR	9/18/51	Hennick memo to Belmont	3	2	referred
NR	9/18/51	H&A memo	1	1	b7c
3919	10/6/51	ny letter H&A	1	1	
3920	11/9/51	Changed to Short	1	1	
NR	9/10/51	Laughlin memo to Ladd	4	4	referred not within purview of FOIA
3921	10/5/51	CX letter H&A	2	2	

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			Actual	Released	
3922	10/20/52	Changed to Secret	1	1	
3923	2/24/53	" " "	1	1	
3923X	10/24/51	NY let H&A	1	1	
3923X	11/5/51	H&A let NY	1	1	
NR	10/23/51	WFO let H&A re party 3 rd	10	2	b1
3924	11/30/51	Change to Secret	1	1	
3925	2/24/53	" " "	1	1	
3926	11/14/53	" " "	1	1	
3927	10/27/51	H&A let NY	1	1	
3928	11/27/51	Changed to Secret	1	1	
NR	4/22/87	Serial changed out	1	1	b7C
3929-3931		Memo			

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3932	10/13/51	Letter re/SSs	14	0/4	b1
3932	12/7/51	HQ ltr	1	0	b1
3932X	11/14/51	ny ltr HQ	1	1	
NR	12/9/51	HQ ltr WFO	1	0	b1
3933+ 3934	10/14/52	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3935	1/9/52	ny ltr HQ	1	1	
3936	12/28/51	Bureau Memo to Belmont	1	1	
3937	2/26/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3938	1/29/52	Serial Changelog	1	1	
3939	1/29/52	"	1	1	
3940	1/31/52	"	1	1	
3941	10/20/52	Changed to Sheet	1	1	

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Re: Subcommittee

Date: _____ (month/year)

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			Actual	Released	
NR	1/21/52	Rease memo to Director	1		
3942	2/26/53	Changed to Sheet	1	1	
3943	1/23/52	Laughlin Memo to Belmont	1	1	
3944	1/15/52	Belmont memo to Fall	1	1	
NR	1/24/52	Fall memo to Director	2	2	
3945	1/17/52	Belmont memo to Fall	6	4	referred
3945	1/22/52	" "	2	2	
3945	1/24/52	NR let NY	1	1	

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT
FROM : MR. C. E. HENNRICH
SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R
Bureau file 65-56402

DATE: April 6, 1951

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PURPOSE

To advise that in October, 1945, Elizabeth T. Bentley's Soviet espionage superior, Al, later identified as Anatoli Gromov, the First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C., gave her \$2,000 in twenty dollar bills with "no strings attached." It was Bentley's impression that the money was given to her for her past activities in connection with the Russians, as well as an attempt on the part of Gromov to secure her good will. On the morning of November 17, 1945, Bentley entered a room in the Prince George Hotel in New York City where she was being interviewed by our Special Agents and threw an envelope containing the \$2,000 on the bed stating, "Here's some Moscow gold." The money was placed in a safe-deposit box of the Manufacturers Trust Company of the New York Office.

In response to an inquiry by SAAG Thomas J. Donegan, the Department advised the \$2,000 may be regarded under Title 40, U. S. Code 304 (g) as property abandoned to the Bureau. However, facts relating to transmittal of this money to Bureau Agents raises the question as to whether this statute is applicable.

In view of the fact that we are conducting investigations on many of the subjects mentioned by Bentley and it is impossible at this time to foresee future developments and judge the evidentiary value of the \$2,000, it is recommended that the New York Office hold the money, but discuss the disposition with Bentley, and if she intends to make no claim, N. Y. should obtain a total written release.

A letter with these instructions is attached for the New York Office.

BACKGROUND

You will recall that Bentley saw her contact Jack (Joseph Katz) for the last time in May, 1945. Prior to this meeting he had introduced her to Al, later identified as Anatoli Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington.

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In later meetings with Gromov he made overtures of buying Bentley a fur coat, suggested that she quit her job and take a vacation. He also offered to supply her with an air conditioning unit when she complained of the summer heat and on all of the occasions of her meetings with Gromov, after the first one, he mentioned his willingness to establish her in a small business to be financed by him which would be located outside of New York City and perhaps in Philadelphia or Washington. Bentley recalled that she had conversations with Gromov about setting up a small hat or dress shop.

In October, 1945, Bentley saw Gromov by prearrangement and on this occasion he handed her \$2,000 in twenty dollar bills and at the time he gave her the money he stated that there were "no strings attached." It was Bentley's impression that this payment to her was for her past activities in connection with the Russians, as well as an attempt on the part of Gromov to secure her good will.

The above facts were related by Miss Bentley on November 16, 1945, to Special Agents Thomas G. Spencer and Joseph M. Kelly in the Prince George Hotel in New York City. The interview of Miss Bentley was continued on the morning of November 17, 1945, at the Hotel. On this occasion Bentley entered the room and before taking off her coat and hat, opened up her purse, took out an envelope, and threw it on the bed, stating, "Here's some Moscow gold."

Miss Bentley was informed that the FBI would take possession of this money and although no offer was made to give her a receipt for the same, she did not request one. Thereafter the money was taken to the New York Office and subsequently placed in the safe-deposit box that is maintained by the New York Office at the Park Row Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company. The money still remains in this safe-deposit box.

During the time Miss Bentley has been interviewed by Agents of the New York Office she has on two or three occasions inquired as to what disposition would eventually be made of the \$2,000. She was informed on all of these occasions that this was a matter that would have to be decided some time in the future and no definite commitment was made to her concerning the money. (65-56402-3875)

Mr. Bentley said that she had said she was going to let her brother to compensate her for services as a Russian espionage agent although at the time he gave it to her, she had ceased such activities."

Mr. Hansen also advised that Bentley has inquired as a number of persons as to what disposition will be made of this money. She did not use the words state that she considered herself as having an interest therein. Although the inquiry might indicate that she believed she might have some claim on the \$2,000."

(65-56402-3889)

"In the event that any property is or has been voluntarily abandoned to any agency in such a manner as to vest title therein in

the United States, it may be retained by such agency and devoted to official use only. If such agency shall not desire so to retain such property, the head therefore shall forthwith notify the Director (the Director noted here means Director of the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department of the United States) to that effect and the Director shall, within a reasonable time,

"A. Order such agency to deliver the property to any other agency which requests and in his judgment shall be given the property, or—

"B. Order disposal of the property as otherwise provided by law August 27, 1935, c.740 — 49 Stat 879." (65-56402-389)

It is to be noted that Mr. Donegan in his letter to the Department merely stated that Miss Bentley turned the \$2,000 over to the New York Office of the FBI and he did not give further details as to how this transmittal was consummated.

The detailed facts as set forth above surrounding the transmittal of the \$2,000 to the New York Agents was furnished to the Bureau by the New York Office. It was noted that the dictator for the letter was "TGS" believed to be Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer, one of the Agents who received the money for the Bureau. It is also to be noted that the other Agent, Joseph M. Kelly, now at the Bureau, has advised that the facts as related by the New York Office are absolutely correct.

In view of the above information, the question arises as to whether Bentley's transmittal of the \$2,000 to the Bureau was such as to come within the definition of a voluntary abandonment and, therefore, fall within the terms of the above statute and vest title in the United States. She could contend that she did not waive or release her claim to the money when she let the FBI take it, but merely produced the \$2,000 to substantiate her story regarding Soviet espionage and thought that it would be returned to her.

It is believed that the money belongs to the United States Government. However, it is questionable as to whether the Government can take title to it under the statute cited by the Department.

In view of the fact that we are still striving for prosecutions in this case, many of the Gregory subjects are under investigation and, further, because it is impossible to foresee future developments and judge the evidentiary value of the \$2,000 at the present time it is recommended that the New York Office continue to keep the money in the safe-deposit box of the Manufacturers Trust Company.

RECOMMENDATION

(1) There is attached hereto for your approval a letter advising the New York Office to hold the \$2,000, and to contact Bentley immediately and discuss the question of disposition with her. In the event she plans to make no claim for the money, N. Y. is being instructed to obtain a total written release.

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

May 7, 1951

MR. G. B. HENRICH

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

PURPOSE:

Senator Ferguson in arguing for the opening to the public of hearings before the Committee on Armed Services and Foreign Relations pointed out that even in the U. S. Department's persons had given information to Russia. He named the Justice Department and the Defense Department. The Senator is believed to have referred to the Judith Coplon case and to the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case.

DETAILS:

The following remarks of Senator Ferguson are being quoted from pages 4891-2 of the Congressional Record for May 3, 1951:

"Mr. President, the same procedure would apply to these hearings that applies to all other open hearings. I take it for granted that representatives of Russia and other persons who are interested in Russia would be present. Even in the departments there are persons who have been known to give evidence to Russia. Even in the Justice Department, when the FBI reports came through, minutes were taken from them and delivered to Russia. Even in the Defense Department there were persons who mimeographed reports of secret documents."

"Just a moment. The evidence clearly shows that there was a microfilming machine in Georgetown, where the agents of a foreign government were making microfilm of documents when they were not able to carry packages of them to New York, in order that they might be given to the secret agents of Russia."

In his mention above of the Justice Department and the FBI reports, Senator Ferguson is undoubtedly referring to the Judith Coplon case. You will recall that Judith Coplon, who was employed by the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, had access to FBI reports, which were disseminated to the Department in security cases. When Coplon was arrested on March 4, 1949, she had in her possession 34 abstracts of material taken from FBI reports. It was these abstracts, or "data slips" as they are called by the Department, which formed the basis for the prosecution of Coplon.

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Senator Ferguson referring to persons in the Defense Department who mimeographed reports of secret documents and used a microfilming machine in Georgetown, is believed to refer to the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case. One will recall that the Silvermaster case involved a network of agents, two of whom were William Ludwig Wilson and Abraham George Silverman, who were both employed by the Army Air Force during the war years. The Silvermaster ring was engaged in procuring documents and many of these documents were photographed in the basement of the Silvermaster home by Wilson. Silvermaster, at that time, was residing at 5515 30th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is not believed there was any mimeographing done nor was the photographing placed on microfilm.

RECOMMENDATION:

The foregoing has been pointed out in order to identify for you the cases in question.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, Was;
WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, Was;
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: May 10, 1951

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Cryptographic Section]

The subjects are allegedly said to have been leaders of an espionage ring operating in Washington, D. C. prior to 1947, by Miss ELIZABETH BENTLY, self-confessed Russian espionage courier. The Newark Division is Office of Origin in a continuing investigation.

A reliable informant has advised that on the dates indicated below the following telegrams were sent from the phone subscribed to in the home occupied jointly by SILVERMASTER and ULLMAN:

7/6/50 To:

"Miss Joan Wharton
1 West 72 St
NYK

85TH STREET APTARTMENT SOUNDS GREAT
EAST END ONE GOOD TOO YOU CHOICE ILL
LOVE IT HATE TO MISS PART Y BUT MUST
HAVE WONDERFUL WONDERFUL TRIP MAKE MIAMI

COMEALL LOVE

BOONIE"

7/6/50 To: "MRS. JAMES SCHWAB
THE ALTOONA HOSPITAL
ALTOONA PENNSYLVANIA

LOVE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MOMMA POPPA AND
NANCY JUNIOR

AUNT GINNIE"

7/9/50 To: "MR. ANDREW J. FORD
42 SENECA AVENUE
ALTOONA PENNSYLVANIA

RECORDED - 49 MAY 11 1951
MANY HAPPY RETURNS WILL SEE YOU TOMORROW
MARY AND TOM INDEXED - 49

cc: 100-33119

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NK 65-3861

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11/29/50 To:

~~"STEVEN ROSNER
136 FENLEY STREET
REVERE MASS~~

DRIVING HELEN NY EARLY THURSDAY
HOME FRIDAY SORRY DELAY

~~"JEAN"~~

Appropriate leads will be set out in the next investigative report to identify the recipients of these telegrams.

The laboratory is requested to examine the contents of these messages. [REDACTED]

may be of significance. (S) b1

It is noted that the subject's wife is HELEN SILVERMASTER, and it may be she who is referred to in the telegram of 11/29/50. No information has been developed to identify or explain the names JEAN, MARY and TOM, BOONIE or AUNT GINNIE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON D. C. June 1, 1951

SAC, Newark

Enclosed follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 14, 1951.

NATHAN ARLOSON SILVERMASTER, was;
WILLIAM LUDWIG KILMAN, was;
ESPIONAGE - R

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

65-3061 & 100-30119
65-56102-3902
65-20618 DC

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Examination requested by:

Addressed

Reference:

Letter dated May 10, 1951

Examination requested:

Cryptanalysis

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Specimens:

The following telegrams are quoted in a letter to the Director from SAC, Newark dated May 10, 1951:

- Qa30 Telegram dated July 6, 1950 to Miss Jean Wharton, 1 West 72 Street, NYC, beginning "5TH STREET ATTENTION SOUND GREAT ...", signed "BOONIE".
- Qa31 Telegram dated July 6, 1950 to Mrs. James Schwab, The Altman Shop, Altoona, Pennsylvania, reading "LOVE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. JOYFA AND HARRY JUNIOR", signed "AUNT NEMIE".
- Qa32 Telegram dated July 29, 1950 to Mrs. Andrew J. Ford, 12 Sussex Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania, reading "WANT HAPPY RETURNS WISH FOR YOU TOMORROW", signed "MARTIN AND JOE".
- Qa33 Telegram dated November 29, 1950 to Steven Komer, 236 Stanley Street, Newark, Massachusetts, reading "DRIVING WHEEL MY EARLY THURSDAY HOME FRIDAY COME I DELAY", signed "JEAN".

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- Clegg
- Glavin
- Nichols
- Rosen
- Tracy
- Harbo
- Belmont
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- Tele. Room
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Result of examination:

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No concealed messages or a code or cipher nature
developed. A possibility exists, however, that these specimens
are unable to supply any valid information because of brevity of
material and lack of background corroborative information. (S) b1
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ADDENDUM:

Newark letter of 5/10/51 requests examination of
contents of these messages [redacted]

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to the Security Division for handling. (S) b1
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Re: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, Was;
WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN, Was;
ESPIONAGE - R

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Examination requested by: SAC, Newark (65-3861) cc: 100-33119

Date of reference communication: Let. 5-10-51

Date received: 5-14-51

Examination requested: ~~Cryptanalysis~~

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **NEW HER**

background to corroborate assumptions. (X) u

Specimens submitted for examination

The following telegrams are quoted in a letter to the Director from SAC, Newark dated May 10, 1951:

- Qc30 Telegram dated July 6, 1950 to Miss Jean Wharton, 1 West 72 Street, NYK, beginning "85TH STREET APTARTMENT SOUNDS GREAT", signed "BOONIE".
- Qc31 Telegram dated July 6, 1950 to Mrs. James Schwab, The Altoona Hospital Altoona, Pennsylvania, beading "LOVE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MOMMA POPPA AND NANCY JUNIOR", signed "AUNT GINNIE".
- Qc32 Telegram dated July 9, 1950 to Mr. Andrew J. Ford, 42 Seneca Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania, reading "MANY HAPPY RETURNS WILL SEE YOU TOMORROW", signed "MARY AND TOM".
- Qc33 Telegram dated November 29, 1950 to Steven Rosner, 136 Fenley Street, Revere, Massachusetts, reading "DRIVING HELEN NY EARLY THURSDAY HOME FRIDAY SORRY DELAY", signed "JEAN".

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SAC, New York

May 8, 1951

Director, FBI

GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet April 8, 1951. Please expedite.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 29, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY;
ESPIONAGE

Rebulet May 26, 1951.

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DATE 6/6/83 BY SP5 RJA/KC
11/5/88 3042 BJA/SL

ELIZABETH BENTLEY has been previously interviewed concerning the \$2,000 mentioned in the Bureau's letter of April 6. She has discussed this matter with her attorney, GODFREY SCHMIDT, and has not as yet received a definite reply from him. On May 28 she was again interviewed concerning this matter, and she stated that she had been attempting to get in touch with her attorney for two weeks but had not been able to reach him. She declared that as soon as she is able to get in touch with him she will ask him about this and advise this office immediately.

TGS:RAA
65-14603

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SAC, New York

May 26, 1951

Director, FBI

GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebuletts April 8 and May 8, 1951, instructing
your office to interview Elizabeth Bentley. Advice by
return mail when results of interview will be submitted.

65-56402
ASB:cal

Reply from N.S.B.
6-25-51 - letter

reflecting action being
taken in individual
cases, which have been
supervised as of recent
4-10-51. See by
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N.S.B.

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to WFO
acknowledge
ASB

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GREGORY, ESP - R. MISS ELIZABETH BENTLEY TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE NYO THIS DATE THAT ON JUNE FOURTEENTH NEXT SHE WILL LEAVE ON SUMMER VACATION AND WILL NOT RETURN TO NY UNTIL SEPT. FIFTEENTH, FIFTYONE. DURING THE SUMMER, IF NEEDED, MISS BENTLEY CAN BE REACHED AT TWENTY MORGAN PARK, CLINTON, CONN., TELEPHONE CLINTON FIVE ONE EIGHT. AS IN THE PAST IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ANY CONTACT WITH MISS BENTLEY BE MADE THROUGH THE NYO.

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TITLE [REDACTED] (S) b1			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R ✓
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] (S) b1 <i>Young in brotherhood of Katy - Lyone Gregory case on page 14. A: B</i> [REDACTED] <i>Photograph of LESTER GINTELSON obtained.</i> [REDACTED] <i>11-5-83 3042 PWT/ps 6/6/83 Classified by SP-5 MJA/ky Declassify on: OADR</i> [REDACTED] <i>Refund</i> [REDACTED] <i>ORIGINAL FILED IN 65-59949-14</i> <i>b7D b7C</i>			
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LESTER GITTELSON

A photograph of LESTER GITTELSON was obtained from his New York State Chauffeur's License application. It is recalled, however, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the pertinent period of activity for the UNKNOWN SUBJECT "Ben" and thereby eliminates GITTELSON from consideration.

Referred

It was noted that Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, on October 10, 1944 advised that in the office of JOSEPH KATZ at the Tempus Import Company, 119 West 57th Street, New York City, there were included among the contents the names POPPER Watch Company, 10 West 57th Street, Bryant 9-4894, JALTER KOCHER, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, Circle 7-5821 and H. K. HOROWITZ, 15 Maiden Lane, New York City, the latter listed as a reference by KATZ. Further, there were numerous check stubs indicating that KATZ had made payments to H. K. HOROWITZ. It is known that the above three names have some connection with the watch business.

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JOSEPH BOGORAD

A photograph of JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD, brother-in-law of JOSEPH KATZ, brother of BESSIE KATZ, was obtained by the Newark office.

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles are two copies of a photograph of JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD.

Enclosed herewith for Philadelphia are two copies of a photograph of JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD and a copy of report of SA JOHN M. COLLINS dated May 2, 1951 at New York.

ENCLOSURES:

LOS ANGELES

Two photograph of JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD

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Two photograph of JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD
Report of SA JOHN M. COLLINS, dated 5/2/51,
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Identity of Informants

The confidential informant mentioned in the report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE dated July 23, 1951 New York is identified as follows:

T-1 Anonymous source.

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LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California:

Will exhibit photograph of JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD to [REDACTED] b7c b7D

PHILADELPHIA

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

Will exhibit photograph of JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD to HARRY GOLD and THOMAS L. BLACK.

NEW YORK

Will exhibit photograph of JOSEPH GEORGE BOGORAD to ELIZABETH BENTLEY, [REDACTED] b7c b7D

Will attempt to determine if any relatives of BESSIE KATZ is or was connected with the POPPER Watch Company, 10 West 57th Street, WALTER KOCHER, 9 Rockefeller Plaza or H. K. HOROWITZ, 15 Maiden Lane.

Will ascertain the background and present activities of DAVID GITTELSON, 83-69 Daniels Street, Jamaica, New York and obtain a photograph for exhibition to informants. (This is set out in accordance with the suggestion in Bulet dated 6/1/51).

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Reference

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TITLE [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE 3043 PWT/JS 11/5/58 ESPIONAGE Classified by SP5/49

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, interviewed 7/19/51, stated that SONIA GOLD became employed in Treasury Department following proposal of HARRY BEXTER WHITE that he employ some "reliable person" to whom he might make available material which was to be delivered to the SILVERMASTER group. Following her employment by WHITE, it was determined that her husband, BELA GOLD, was also a trustworthy Party member employed in the PIA who might be valuable in obtaining material. Subsequently, because of the fact that SILVERMASTER had a large amount of material to photograph it was decided that the GOLDS could handle some of the photo copy work. BENTLEY does not know WILLIAM and JEAN GREEN.

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DETAILS:

On July 19, 1951, ELIZABETH FERRILL BENTLEY was interviewed by the writer at her summer residence in Clinton, Connecticut. She stated that she had not personally been acquainted with BELA and SONIA GOLD; however, she knew of them as members of the SILVERMASTER group. To the best of her knowledge their association with the group came about in the following manner:

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HARRY DEXTER WHITE, who had been furnishing information to the SILVERMASTERS, had proposed to NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER that he should employ a secretary in his office who would handle the material which he wanted to furnish to the SILVERMASTER group and, thereby, obviate the necessity of his having to contact the group directly. Miss BENTLEY stated that SILVERMASTER discussed this matter with his wife, HELEN SILVERMASTER, who contacted the Baltimore Office of the Communist Party. (BENTLEY has previously stated that the Washington Communist Party Office was contacted.)

By following this procedure the SILVERMASTERS were placed in contact with SONIA GOLD as a person who was recommended as being a faithful Party member. SONIA GOLD thereafter contacted WHITE and after appropriate interviews, etc., in order to make the transaction appear legitimate, she was employed by WHITE. Thereafter, according to Miss BENTLEY, WHITE would "leave things where SONIA could see them" and he was thereby enabled to transmit material to the SILVERMASTERS.

Miss BENTLEY said that SONIA GOLD had been placed in this position because she was a trusted Party member and, subsequently, it was learned that BELA or "BILL" GOLD was also a trusted Party member and was working for the Foreign Economic Administration where he would be in a position to furnish information of value to the apparatus. He was, thereafter, brought into the apparatus and she recalled that by the spring of 1944 BELA GOLD was furnishing information to the SILVERMASTER group.

In the meantime HELEN and GREGORY SILVERMASTER and LOUIS ULLMAN because of the large volume of material they were handling, were becoming ever loaded and were finding it difficult to photograph all of this material. Since it had been ascertained that BELA and SONIA GOLD were completely trustworthy individuals, it was decided that they should be given a camera in order that they might assist in this photo copy work.

It was her recollection that the Contax camera which ULLMAN and the SILVERMASTERS had been using had broken

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down and had to be repaired. They had been given a Leica camera to use in the meantime and after the Contax had been repaired, the Leica was retained and used by them for a time. She believes that this may have been the camera which was loaned to the GOLDS; however, she believed it was planned that GOLD should be given a camera of his own.

Miss BENTLEY stated that the above matters had come to her attention while she was in contact with the SILVERMASTER group prior to their being taken over by her principal BILL. She claimed to have no knowledge of the GOLDS subsequent to that time.

Miss BENTLEY was questioned as to any knowledge she might have of WILLIAM and JEAN GREEN. She advised that she has no recollection of these individuals.

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Copies of this report are being designated for the Los Angeles, Pittsburgh and San Francisco Offices for information in accordance with Bureau instructions in [redacted] ~~(S)~~ (S) b1

REFERENCES

Washington Field letter to Bureau, 6/26/51.
Bureau letter to Washington Field, 7/9/51, entitled [redacted] "SPIONAGE-R." ~~(S)~~ (S) (4) b1

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: June 27, 1951

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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Reference is made to O-1 form dated June 25, 1951, in instant case, which form is enclosed.

The Bureau has recently been advised that Miss BENTLEY is on vacation and is presently residing at 20 Morgan Park, Clinton, Connecticut. A communication has been directed to her requesting that she advise as what progress she has made with her attorney in connection with signing a release for the \$2,000 referred to in New York letter of May 29, 1951.

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FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: *Gregory*
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- () The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted _____

Reason for delay _____

Serial 5-29-51.

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
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(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: July 2, 1951

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: GREGORY
 ESPIONAGE - R

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Reference is made to the correspondence between the Bureau and this office regarding the two thousand dollars that was given to agents of this office by ELIZABETH BENTLEY when she was first interviewed.

On June 30, 1951, Miss BENTLEY advised this office that she had just received word from her attorney, GODFREY SCHMITT, that he had made a comprehensive study of the situation and informed her that he could see no legal reason why this money should be forfeited to the U. S. Government.

Miss BENTLEY is still very friendly with this office and she is interviewed from time to time in connection with matters pertaining to Communism and espionage that arise in the New York Office. Insofar as the two thousand dollars is concerned, she, of course, has never made any formal demands for this money. At the time that the Bureau was informed by the Department that this money could probably be seized under the Forfeiture Statute, Miss BENTLEY was asked to sign a waiver as requested by the Bureau. She stated that she felt that she should take this matter up with her attorney and, of course, did so.

Whether this money can be taken by the United States Government without a formal waiver from Miss BENTLEY is probably a matter for the Department to decide. It is not felt that any contact should be had by this office with her attorney. However, if the Bureau or the Department requests an interview with SCHMITT as to his reason why this money should not be forfeited, the same will be done on advice from the Bureau. In the interim no further action is being taken in this matter.

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Letter to my
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SAC, New York

July 31, 1951

Director, FBI

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Reurlet July 2, 1951, advising that Mr. Schmitt, attorney for Elizabeth Ferrill Bentley, informed her that he had made a comprehensive study of the situation and that he could see no legal reason why she should forfeit the \$2,000 to the United States Government.

In view of the fact that Miss Thomas J. Donegan presented this matter to the Department by letter dated March 8, 1951, and was advised by the Department by letter dated March 14, 1951, that it appeared that the language of Title 40, USC, 504 (g) may be regarded as applicable and the \$2,000 seemed as property abandoned to the Bureau and therefore vested in the United States, you should discuss Mr. Schmitt's opinion fully with Mr. Donegan and ascertain what further action he deems advisable.

In this connection, it is noted that Mr. Schmitt's opinion may be based on the facts you related in your letter of January 4, 1951, which describes how you received the \$2,000 from Bentley. It is noted also that Mr. Donegan did not present these facts to the Department in his letter of March 8, 1951, but merely stated that Bentley turned the money over to the Bureau shortly after receiving it. You are requested to discuss the facts contained in your letter of January 4, 1951, with Mr. Donegan to determine whether he believes Miss Bentley has forfeited the \$2,000 under the above-mentioned statute. It is possible that Mr. Donegan may desire to re-present this matter to the Department or may desire to have the Bureau do so.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: AUG 2 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KATZ, was.
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Rebulet to New York and Washington Field dated April 10, 1951, in which letter this office was requested to attempt to trace the information various people furnished to ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY. Towards this objective, investigation conducted thus far has produced the following results:

- (1.) UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., "BILL"
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., "CATHERINE"

Investigation is being continued in this office in effort to identify these persons. New York is origin in this case.

- (2.) HELEN TENNEY

This office is continuing investigation at CIA and file reviews of OSS materials are continuing thus far with negative results.

- (3.) DUNCAN LEE

A report setting forth details of investigation in this case has been submitted.

- (4.) J. JULIUS JOSEPH

Investigation in this case is continuing. At CIA, file reviews of OSS materials are continuing, but thus far have produced negative results.

- (5.) VICTOR PERLO

Investigation in this case is being continued with reviews of WPB materials at Archives thus far resulting negatively.

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cc: New York (65-1491)

(65-14603)

WFO 65-4968 (UNSUB, "BILL"; UNSUB, "CATHERINE")

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100-20525 (J. JULIUS JOSEPH)

100-20563 (EDWARD FITZGERALD)

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(6.) ~~EDWARD FITZGERALD~~

Reviews of WPB materials at Archives thus far have produced negative results.

(7.) ~~ALLAN ROBERT ROSENBERG~~

The Security Division, State Department, has been attempting to locate pertinent materials but as late as July 23, 1951, has been unable to furnish any data of assistance in this inquiry.

(8.) ~~JOSEPH B. GREGG~~

A report setting forth the results of investigation has been prepared and submitted.

(9.) ~~DONALD NIVEN WHEELER~~

Review of old OSS records now in the custody of CIA is being continued in effort to locate reports which may be identified with the materials furnished by WHEELER to BENTLEY. Results thus far have been negative.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: AUG 14 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

ELIZABETH BENTLEY

Rebulet 7/31/51.

Special Assistant to the Attorney General THOMAS J. DONEGAN is on vacation and will not return to New York City until after 9/1/51.

Upon his return the subject matter in Bulet will be discussed with him and the Bureau will be advised of his comments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY
(McCarran Committee)

DATE: August 14, 1951

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While Mr. Morris was talking with Mr. Nichols on the evening of August 13, 1951, the former stated that Elizabeth Bentley was scheduled to appear before the McCarran Subcommittee on that day at 2:00 P.M. but up to the time of the call Miss Bentley did not put in an appearance. Mr. Morris wondered whether the Bureau had any ideas as to Bentley's whereabouts.

After discussing this matter with Mr. Nichols, I called Night Supervisor John Willis at the New York Office at 7:30 P.M. and asked him to have a discreet inquiry conducted for the purpose of attempting to determine Miss Bentley's present location.

Mr. Willis called back at 7:40 P.M. and stated that he had talked to SA Thomas Spencer, who has handled Miss Bentley for some time, and Mr. Spencer related that he had talked to Miss Bentley approximately ten days or so ago, at which time she was in good spirits. So far as Mr. Spencer was aware, Miss Bentley was at her residence in Clinton, Connecticut. I instructed Mr. Willis to put a phone call through to Clinton to determine whether Miss Bentley was there.

A short while later Mr. Willis called back and stated that he had tried to reach Miss Bentley by phone at Clinton but was unsuccessful. Mr. Willis was then instructed to telephone the New Haven Office and request that discreet inquiries be made to determine Miss Bentley's whereabouts.

As a result of information received by Mr. Nichols from Mr. Morris at 8:05 P.M. indicating that Miss Bentley had boarded a plane in New York en route to Washington for appearance before the McCarran Committee, I called Mr. Willis again in the NY Office and requested that he get in touch with the New Haven Office and instruct that they discontinue their efforts to locate this witness.

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CC: Mr. Nichols

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN
 FROM : MR. C. A. MOYNIHAN
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY
TESTIMONY BEFORE McCARRAN COMMITTEE
AUGUST 16, 1951

DATE: August 16, 1951

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At 11:15 P.M., New York Night Supervisor John Willis called, referred to your call earlier this evening in connection with instant matter, and advised as follows:

The files of the New York Office fail to reflect that Elizabeth Bentley at any time spoke to Bureau Agents concerning Michael Pearson, Canadian Minister of External Affairs.

The Agents handling Bentley don't recall the name Michael Pearson; however, Agent Tom Spencer will look into the matter further and will call you tomorrow from the New York Office.

Recommendation:

None. This is for your information.

CAH:dmd

ADDENDUM:

The above call is in response to my request of August 16, 1951, following the receipt of information from a representative of the McCarran Committee that Miss Bentley allegedly furnished certain information to the Bureau regarding Lester B. (Michael) Pearson, Canadian Minister of External Affairs. The New York Office was advised that a thorough check of the Bureau's records had failed to locate any information received from Miss Bentley regarding Pearson. Accordingly, Mr. Willis was requested to check the files of the New York Office and if no record was located there, arrangements should be made to have Miss Bentley interviewed concerning this matter.

At 9:20 A.M., August 17, 1951, I talked to Mr. Spencer, who was acting on Mr. Whelan's desk, and inquired as to the status of this matter. Mr. Spencer stated that he was endeavoring to reach Miss Bentley and that he would notify the Bureau as soon as Miss Bentley was interviewed. At this time Mr. Spencer stated that he was positive that Miss Bentley never furnished any information to him concerning Pearson.

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At 3:35 P.M. Mr. Spencer advised that he had talked to Miss Bentley, who stated that she is of the opinion that she previously had furnished information concerning Pearson's activities to the Bureau during the several interviews had with her by Bureau representatives in connection with the Gregory and other cases. Mr. Spencer stated he assured Miss Bentley that she had not furnished information concerning Pearson. Spencer further pointed out that Miss Bentley then stated that apparently she was in error since it was her recollection that she had made this information available to Bureau Agents.

Mr. Spencer then stated that the information he obtained from Miss Bentley had been incorporated in a teletype and forwarded to the Bureau.

ACTION:

Upon the receipt of this information, consideration should be given to making it available to the Department and the State Department in view of Pearson's official Canadian position. *Done*

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MR. W. P. KEAY

LESTER B. PEARSON
SPECIAL INQUIRY
STATE DEPARTMENT

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Under date of August 17, 1951, the Bureau supplied to the State Department information concerning the alleged Soviet espionage activities of Lester B. Pearson, as reported by Elizabeth Bentley. (u)

The information supplied by the Bureau reflected that in 1943 and 1944, Pearson, then an official of the Canadian Embassy in Washington, made information available to Bentley through an intermediary. Pearson allegedly gave information of a political nature. (u)

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It is recommended we comply with the State Department's request and supply to Mr. Matthews for his personal and confidential use the answers to the above mentioned questions raised by him. *C

The Liaison Unit should be informed of the nature of the reply to be given to Mr. Matthews. *C

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September 8, 1951

Mr. A. H. Belmont

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LESTER B. PEARSON, JR.,
Michael Pearson;
ELIZABETH BENTLEY - INFORMANT
ESPIONAGE - R.

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To recommend that the answers to the State Department's questions concerning the information made available by Elizabeth Bentley on Lester Pearson, highly placed Canadian government official, be forwarded to the State Department. To recommend that additional information made available by Bentley regarding Lester Pearson be forwarded to the Department of Justice to Inspector Bayfield of the RCMP. (X) u

BACKGROUND:

Elizabeth Bentley was interviewed by agents of the New York Office on August 17, 1951, at which time she related that she recently had been a witness before the McCarran Committee and had answered questions placed by the Committee concerning Lester Pearson. On interview Bentley provided as much as she could recall of the testimony that she gave on August 14, 1951 to the McCarran Committee. In effect she stated that in 1943 and 1944 Pearson, then an official of the Canadian Embassy in Washington, made information available to Bentley through an intermediary. Pearson allegedly gave information of a political nature. h

The intermediary was not identified in the communications sent to the Department of State, the Department of Justice, or Inspector Bayfield under date of August 27, 1951. Elizabeth Bentley identified the intermediary as Hazen Size, member of the Canadian Film Board in Washington, D. C. (X) u

By teletype dated September 5, 1951, New York advised that on reinterview on that date Bentley was unable to state in what manner Size obtained the information.

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concerning top level British policy and political matters from Pearson. She did not know whether Pearson provided such information voluntarily to Size knowing that it was going to be given to an unauthorized party. Bentley restated that Pearson and Size were very friendly in Canada and were connected with left wing circles in that country. She advised that she was only guessing but that she was of the opinion that Pearson either knew that the information made available by him was being given to an unauthorized person or that he simply was stupid. X

OBSERVATIONS:

Answers to the above questions obtained during interviews of Bentley are set out as follows: (S)(u)

1. Bentley identified the intermediary who passed information from Pearson to her as Hazen Size, member of the Canadian Film Board in Washington, D. C. Bentley on interview on September 5, 1951, told New York agents that she was only guessing but that she was of the opinion that Pearson either knew that the information made available by him was being given to an unauthorized person or that he was simply stupid. X

2. By confidential memorandum dated August 27, 1951, Inspector Bayfield of the FBI was advised of the identical information provided to the Department of State and the Department of Justice under letters of that date. (S)(u)

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3. Bentley provided the information attributed to her to agents of the New York Office on August 17, 1951, and on September 5, 1951.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the information requested by the State Department through Liaison be forwarded to them together with the information provided by Bentley on reinterview. In view of the additional information provided by Bentley on reinterview it is recommended that this information be forwarded to the Department of Justice and to Inspector Bayfield.

ACTION:

For your approval are attached letters to the Department of State, the Department of Justice and a memorandum for Inspector Bayfield.

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: "OK.H."

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MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR BAYFIELD

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 ON 12/19/88 Michael Pearson U.

Reference is made to my communication to you dated August 27, 1951 in captioned matter. U

This is to advise that Elizabeth Bentley has stated that Lester Pearson and Hazen Size, member of the Canadian Film Board in Washington, D. C., were friendly in Canada and were connected with and moved in left wing circles in Canada before World War II. According to Bentley, while Pearson was either number 1 or number 2 man in the Canadian Legation in Washington, D.C., in 1943, he attended all top level meetings with British diplomats in Washington, D. C. At these meetings policy and political matters were discussed. Pearson would make this information available to Size, who in turn would provide the same to Bentley. This type of contact was maintained for about 1 1/2 years in 1943 and 1944. U

Bentley advised that she was unable to state in what manner Size obtained that information from Pearson and that she did not know whether Pearson provided such information voluntarily to Size knowing that it was going to an unauthorized party. She also stated that she was only guessing but that she was of the opinion that Pearson either knew what the information made available by him was being given to an unauthorized person or that he was simply stupid. ✓

The information attributed the Bentley in this communication and in the communication of August 27, 1951, was provided by her to Special Agents of this Bureau in New York on August 17, 1951 and on September 5, 1951. u

cc: Mr. Glenn H. Bethel
c/o The Commissioner
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

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Office Memo

• UNITED STATES

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DATE: October 6, 1951

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

RENE BENTLEY

Rebulet July 31, 1951.

On October 5, 1951, SAAG Thomas J. Donegan was interviewed in connection with the contents of reference Bulet.

Mr. Donegan related that he is leaving for the West Coast on October 6 and will be gone approximately two weeks. Immediately upon his return he intends to again take this entire matter up with the Department. He stated that he was of the definite opinion that the \$2,000 should be characterized as the "fruits of the crime" and as such should be adjudicated the property of the United States Government. He related that he will take whatever steps are necessary in Washington and in the Southern District of New York to see that this matter is cleared up once and for all as expeditiously as possible.

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ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
TESTIMONY BEFORE McCARRAN COMMITTEE
5-23-51, VOLUME 37

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PURPOSE:

To describe the nature of the testimony of captioned subject before an executive session of the McCarran Committee, and to record the handling and disposition of any pertinent allegations in such testimony. *Xu*

BACKGROUND:

On May 23, 1951, the subject testified before a secret executive session of the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, her testimony being recorded in volume 37 of the transcript of the testimony before this committee. This testimony was furnished to the Bureau confidentially and may not be disseminated without specific permission of the Sub-Committee. If it is sent to the field, it must be paraphrased, and the field should be cautioned against disseminating it. *(X)*

IDENTITY OF WITNESS:

At the date of this testimony, Elizabeth Bentley resided at 88 McDougal Street, New York City. Bentley joined the Communist Party in New York City in 1935. In 1938, she went into the Communist Underground and became an assistant to Jacob Golos, a Soviet espionage agent, serving in such capacity until the latter's death in 1943. Bentley defected from the Communist Party in 1945, and has since cooperated with the Bureau and with other interested government investigative bodies.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY:

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1. A review of Pressman's file from 1936 to 1938. Information was not previously furnished by Hamilton's Bureau, and is being furnished by Hamilton's Bureau to the Bureau of Investigation on the American Activities, August 22, 1944.

John K. Fairbank

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[REDACTED] This allegation of Bentley's has been incorporated into a separate memorandum attached hereto, for filing for information purposes in Fairbank's main file, 77-24341. (S) (NW)

[REDACTED] Hayden Sears (S) (NW)

[REDACTED] A review of the Bureau's files reflects only one reference to the name Hayden Sears, which could possibly be identical to the above individual, as follows:

The "Daily Worker" for March 5, 1941, stated that the Rev. Hayden B. Sears of Los Angeles, California, was a signer of an unidentified statement urging the President of the United States and Congress to defend the rights of the Communist Party. (61-7559-4 DW3) (61-7552-1298, p. 650; 94-1-2046-51, p. 13)

No further action in connection with Sears is considered warranted at this time on the above facts, which have been set out in this memorandum for possible future reference. In this connection it is to be noted that Bentley's testimony concerning Sears appears on page 31 of volume 37 of her testimony before the McCarran Committee.

In connection with further allegations made by Bentley concerning additional individuals, including those mentioned previously in this memorandum, appropriate Bureau files have been reviewed and it has been determined that all pertinent information is already in the Bureau's possession in the same or substantially identical form, and has been given necessary investigation attention. From the file review, it appears that no further action is warranted on Bentley's testimony at this time.

DISPOSITION:

The original copy of the transcript of Bentley's testimony (volume 37) was returned to the McCarran Committee on June 16, 1951. (S) (NW)

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A photostatic copy of the transcript, suitably identified to prevent dissemination, has been made to be filed permanently in the McCarran Control file, 62-88217. (C)

ACTIONS:

It is recommended that the original copy of this memorandum be filed in the McCarran Control file together with a photostatic copy of the transcript of the testimony as an exhibit. It is further recommended that one yellow copy of this memorandum be filed in 65-56402 (Gregory Case), and that the other yellow copy be filed in 100-54700 (Institute of Pacific Relations).

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GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: October 5, 1951

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE
ESPIONAGE - R

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Re New York letter to Bureau dated June 23, 1951, captioned "DAN SEYMOUR WALDMAN, was, ESPIONAGE - R"; Bulet to New York under the same caption dated May 7, 1951; New York letter to Bureau dated March 5, 1951, under the same caption, and Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated July 16, 1951, under the same caption.

Referenced New York letter dated March 5, 1951, related that DAN SEYMOUR WALDMAN was employed as a free lance writer during the five years prior to 1943 by Victory Center, Inc., by Tom Fizdale, Inc., and by "Friday Magazine".

Tom Fizdale, Inc. mentioned above was a public relations firm, no longer listed in current New York directories, operated by TOM FIZDALE, also known as TOLYA FIZDALE, a naturalized Russian.

The Bureau was requested in the New York letter of March 5, 1951, to grant permission to interview FIZDALE, if he could be located, concerning WALDMAN. New York also requested in this letter that FIZDALE be interviewed concerning JULES KORCHIEN and ANNA BLOCK, subjects in the Gregory Case, who in 1946 arranged on two occasions to meet at FIZDALE's office as well as MAURICE HALPERIN, another subject in the Gregory Case, also known to have visited FIZDALE's office in January 1946.

Investigation disclosed that FIZDALE is presently associated in business with PATRICIA STEVENS, his wife, operating the Patricia Stevens, Inc., a modeling school located at 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Referenced Bulet dated May 7, 1951, granted permission to interview FIZDALE as requested in referenced New York letter dated March 5, 1951.

The interview with FIZDALE concerning DAN SEYMOUR WALDMAN has been set out in the report of Special Agent HARRY A. WALKER at Chicago, Illinois, dated October 5, 1951, entitled "DAN SEYMOUR WALDMAN, was, ESPIONAGE - R".

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Letter to the Director, FBI

RE: GREGORY CASE
ESPIONAGE - R

On September 22, 1951, TOM FIZDALE, Patricia Stevens, Inc., 22 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised Special Agents LEROY H. ELLIOTT and HARRY A. WALKER that he owned the Tom Fizdale, Inc., a public relations firm located in New York City, New York, from August 1933 to October 1944 when he sold the firm to IRWIN NATHANSON, a business associate from approximately 1934 to October 1944. He advised that during the time he owned the firm it was located in the Columbia Broadcasting Building in New York, adding that in October 1944 when he sold the business to NATHANSON he granted NATHANSON permission to use the name Tom Fizdale, Inc., for approximately one year after which time he was to change the name. He stated that NATHANSON changed the name to Win Nathanson and Associates and moved the firm to the Lincoln National Building located on 42nd Street, New York City. He could not state when NATHANSON changed the firm's name but was of the opinion it was the latter part of 1945 or at the latest, sometime during the first three months of 1946. FIZDALE stated that he is not acquainted with and has never heard of JULES KORCHIEN, ANNA BLOCK or MAURICE HALPERIN.

As to IRWIN NATHANSON, FIZDALE advised that he considered NATHANSON a "liberal" but not a Communist from approximately 1934 to around 1940 at which time Russia and Germany signed a nonaggression pact which prompted NATHANSON to entirely depart from the ideals of liberalism. He explained that he considered NATHANSON a liberal during this time due to the fact that NATHANSON was "pro-Socialist", "pro-union", "against the draft" and "against the United States preparing for war in any way".

FIZDALE could offer no reason why KORCHIEN, BLOCK or HALPERIN visited the firm in 1946 or whom they were visiting, explaining that at this time he was away from the firm over one year and knew very little concerning the activities or business of the firm.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 24, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the recent communications in this case concerning the \$2,000 which was turned over to this office by ELIZABETH BENTLEY in November of 1945.

On 10-22-51 SAAG T. J. Donegan advised this office that he had given this matter serious consideration. He stated that he is now of the opinion that since Miss BENTLEY will appear as a witness before the Grand Jury and undoubtedly in the trial of WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON, he did not think it propitious to request any affidavits of her at this time. He stated he felt the best interests of the entire matter would be served if the final disposition of this money was held in abeyance until the conclusion of the second REMINGTON trial.

In view of Mr. Donegan's advice this office will take no further action on this matter unless, of course, the Bureau advises to the contrary.

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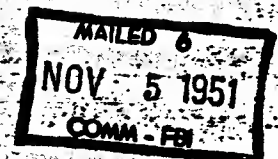
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Reurlet October 24, 1951, concerning the disposition of the \$2,000 which was turned over to your office by Elizabeth Bentley in November, 1945. You advise that SAAG T. J. Donegan noted that Miss Bentley would appear as a witness before the grand jury and undoubtedly in the trial of William Walter Remington, and he felt that the best interest of the entire matter would be served if the final disposition of the money was held in abeyance until the conclusion of the second Remington trial. (u)

The "Washington Post" for October 31, 1951, reports that William W. Remington pleaded innocent to a new perjury charge on October 30, and won an indefinite delay in his trial. "His \$7,000 bond was continued, guaranteeing his freedom until his new trial - which may not begin for a year." (u)

Inasmuch as the second Remington trial will be indefinitely delayed, please advise if Mr. Donegan is still of the opinion that the final disposition of the \$2,000 should be held in abeyance until the conclusion of the second trial. (u)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-14303)

DATE: OCT 23 1951

FROM : SAC, WFO

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SUBJECT: MAURICE HYMAN HALPERIN
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GREGORY, Espionage - R

of possible interest to the Gregory case. Information

The referenced letter also pointed out that [redacted] information, with proper safeguards to protect the source, can be used to refresh the recollection of BENTLEY. It pointed out that she has stated that she retained material received from her sources for about twenty-four hours and read it herself. It was also stated that she believes she could recognize it if copies could be produced. She further believes that she could recall dates of delivery if she saw and recognized any copies, and she pointed out that dates of documents would assist her in affixing the identity of the superior to whom she delivered them.

Referenced Bureau letter instructed that all information relating to any of the Gregory subjects be extracted from the above-mentioned photostat enclosed with the referenced letter and forwarded to the Bureau and the office of origin in the individuals' case files together with recommendation as to what further investigation should be conducted. It was also requested that copies of communications concerning this matter be designated for the Bureau's file in the Gregory case.

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In the Bureau's memorandum, it was pointed out that ELIZABETH BENTLEY had informed that she received information from MAURICE HALPERIN, who was employed in the Latin American Division of the Office of Strategic Services. She said that HALPERIN delivered mimeographed bulletins and reports prepared by the Office of Strategic Services on a variety of subjects and also supplied excerpts from State Department cables to which he evidently had access. (S)

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When testifying on Friday, May 19, 1949, before the U. S. Senate Special Subcommittee to Investigate Immigration and Naturalization of the Committee on the Judiciary in Washington, D. C., Elizabeth Bentley stated that the Russians were interested in RDX, a sort of explosive. Bentley said, "we got information on RDX."

The Bureau desires that Miss Bentley be thoroughly interviewed concerning the above facts. You should determine who gave her the information about RDX and ascertain if it is possible to trace the information furnished her back to any Government documents. You should also ascertain her Soviet superior who received the information on RDX.

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DATE: November 14, 1951

TO : Director, FBI (65-56402)
 FROM : *EJ* SAC, New York (65-14603)
 SUBJECT: GREGORY
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The matter concerning the \$2,000 was again discussed with SAAG T. J. Donegan on November 8, 1951.

Mr. Donegan advised that he had discussed this matter with Assistant United States Attorney Roy Cohn and that both Cohn and himself were of the definite opinion that nothing should be done, insofar as Bentley was concerned, about signing any affidavits or taking any action until the conclusion of the REMINGTON trial. As to the actual date when the second trial of REMINGTON will commence, this is a matter of speculation, but it is not believed that this trial will be put over for a period of one year.

In view of Mr. Donegan's comments, no action will be taken in this matter unless, of course, the Bureau instructs otherwise.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 9, 1952

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: GREGORY
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While speaking to ELIZABETH BENTLEY concerning another official matter, she advised that she had been requested by a Mr. OWENS of the House Un-American Activities Committee to be in Washington on January 14, 1952, to appear before this Committee. Miss BENTLEY advised that she had no idea of what questions they would ask her or who the Committee was interested in insofar as she was concerned.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont
 FROM : W. A. Branigan
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
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DATE: December 28, 1951

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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To advise that all the information in Part Two of the printed hearings of the McCarran Committee, insofar as it pertains to Elizabeth Terrill Bentley and Jay David Whittaker Chambers, is contained in Bureau files.

DETAILS

The Bureau was furnished recently with a copy of Part Two of the hearings before the Subcommittee of the McCarran Committee which has devoted itself to the subversive ramifications of the Institute of Pacific Relations. This booklet contains the testimony of Elizabeth Terrill Bentley, Louis Francis Budenz, William Martin Canning, Edward C. Carter, Whittaker Chambers, Major General Charles A. Willoughby and Mitsusada Yoshikawa. As you know the testimony of all of these individuals has been thoroughly reviewed insofar as it pertains to the IPR and it has been found that all of the information relative to the IPR which these witnesses furnished this Subcommittee was already in the possession of the Bureau. The testimony of Bentley and Chambers which was not pertinent to the IPR has been reviewed. It was determined that they had previously furnished their information to the Bureau and no logical leads were contained in their testimony.

ACTION

This memorandum should be routed to Supervisor L. G. Turner who is in charge of the McCarran special squad.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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O. Gregory
Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury, called and in your absence spoke to me. He stated that he is going to be in Washington on Thursday of this week and has a ten o'clock appointment with the French Ambassador and an eleven-thirty appointment with Mr. Harriman. While in town he would like very much to come in and see you for a few minutes, preferably early in the morning if you can see him then.

He stated that he is becoming increasingly concerned about the charges made by Chambers and Miss Bentley concerning Harry Dexter White and the inferences of his connections with White. He stated he would like to know what definite evidence we have that White is disloyal, what papers we have reflecting this, such as the Pumpkin Papers. He stated that sometime ago he spoke to the Attorney General (McGrath) about the matter and that the Attorney General had read to him a memorandum which Mr. Morgenthau stated sounded like a condensation of Bentley's book, and he stated that frankly he did not want this type of information but he wanted the concrete facts if it is possible for you to give it to him. He reiterated that he had read what the Bentley "bitch" has said but that he wants more concrete evidence. He would not want to talk to anyone but you.

I told Mr. Morgenthau that I did not know what your commitments were for Thursday, but I knew you would want to help him if you could and that I would check with you and would let him know whether it is possible for you to see him. He stated he could be contacted in New York through telephone Rector 2-5895.

Respectfully submitted,

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H. A. Nease

DIRECTOR'S NOTATION: "Nease: advise him I am required to appear before appro. Com. on Thurs. so will be unable to see him. See if he will see someone else. H."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY

DATE: January 23, 1952

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Supervisor Tom Spencer of the New York Office advised at 4:25 P.M., January 22, 1952, that Miss Elizabeth Bentley had telephoned him and referred to the sum of \$2,000 concerning which she made inquiry at the Bureau last week. Miss Bentley told Mr. Spencer that she is leaving on a three-week tour of the West and Southwest and does not expect to return until February 14, 1952.

Mr. Spencer was advised that this matter was receiving consideration at the Bureau and the New York Office would be advised of the decision reached.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: January 15, 1952

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

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On the afternoon of January 15, 1952, Miss Elizabeth Bentley came to my office. She advised that she was in Washington on a flying visit to appear before the HCUA. She said that she frequently wanted to come in to the Bureau and particularly to see the Director but she realized that he was a very busy man. She did not, however, ask for an interview with the Director. Miss Bentley was rather effusive in her praise of the Bureau and stated that she regarded it as the one stable Government organization which knew what it was doing. After pleasantries, she advised that she was very much interested in whether the Department of Justice had decided to return to her the two thousand dollars which she turned over to Agents of this Bureau at the time of her initial interview in New York. This was money given to her by her Soviet superiors. (u)

You will recall that this money has been kept in a safety deposit box in New York and that we have had frequent consultations with Mr. Tom Donegan as to whether the money rightfully belongs to Miss Bentley and should be returned to her or whether it should be confiscated by the Government. Mr. Donegan has consulted the Department regarding this money and has indicated that it is his belief that the money does not belong to Bentley. However, final disposition of the matter is being held in abeyance because of the pending retrial of Remington at which Miss Bentley will appear as a witness. (u)

I advised Miss Bentley that we would look into the status of this matter and would have the New York Office contact her in the immediate future relative thereto. (u)

We are preparing a memorandum showing the background and present status of this money, together with recommendations as to the action to be taken. (u)

See me get this cleared up promptly. (u)

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Mr. Morgenthau stated he was very appreciative of your having agreed to permit him to call and secure this information. He stated he has been very much concerned, and naturally is very much upset to learn that there appears to be no question but what White was working for the Russians, but that now that he has the information he feels much better. He stated he had had no suspicion as to White during the time that White was working for him, Mr. Morgenthau.

Mr. Morgenthau stated further that he was active with a Jewish relief group in New York which is having union troubles with the Office Workers Union, which is allegedly a Communist-dominated group. He stated he was anxious to be sure that he not get any Communists into this group, and wanted to know if he could check the names of employees with the Bureau. I told him this would not be possible; that a large number of outside agencies had made the same request and it would be impossible for the Bureau to furnish information from its files to outside private groups; that the files were, of course, confidential. Mr. Morgenthau stated he understood this.

He then wanted to know if the Bureau knew of a former agent in New York whom he could hire to be in a position to secure such information. I pointed out to Mr. Morgenthau that he would not furnish the information to a former Bureau agent; that once a man resigned from the FBI he is completely out and he would not be given confidential information.

Mr. Morgenthau then indicated that at one time he had secured this type of information from the Special Squad of the New York City Police Department; that there was a new head of this Department at the present time and that he had not been able to perfect arrangements with this new head; that in view of the above information about the confidential nature of the Bureau files he thought he would contact the Commissioner of Police in New York and try to work out some arrangement whereby he could check the names of his employees with the New York Police Department.

Mr. Morgenthau requested me to express his appreciation to you for permitting him to call at the Bureau and discuss his problem.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd
 FROM : A. H. Belmont
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
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To present the background and present status of the \$2,000 which Elizabeth Bentley received from Anatoli Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy, in October, 1945, and which is now kept by the New York Office in a safe-deposit box of the Manufacturers Trust Company. To recommend that the Bureau pay Elizabeth Bentley \$2,000 in lieu of the money she received from Gromov.

BACKGROUND

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated January 15, 1952, advising you of Miss Bentley's visit to my office on that date, at which time she stated her interest in ascertaining whether the Department of Justice had decided to return to her the \$2,000 which she turned over to agents of the Bureau at the time of her initial interview in New York.

You will recall that Bentley saw her contact Jack (Joseph Katz) for the last time in May, 1945. Prior to this meeting, Jack had introduced her to Al, later identified as Anatoli Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington, D. C.

In later meetings with Gromov he made overtures of buying Bentley a fur coat, suggested that she quit her job and take a vacation. He also offered to supply her with an air conditioning unit when she complained of the summer heat and on all of the occasions of her meetings with Gromov, after the first one, he mentioned his willingness to establish her in a small business to be financed by him which would be located outside of New York City and perhaps in Philadelphia or Washington. Bentley recalled that she had conversations with Gromov about setting up a small hat or dress shop.

In October, 1945, Bentley saw Gromov by prearrangement and on this occasion, he handed her \$2,000 in twenty dollar bills and at the time he gave her the money he stated that there were "no strings attached." It was Bentley's impression

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that this payment to her was for her past activities in connection with the Russians, as well as an attempt on the part of Gromov to secure her good will.

The above facts were related by Miss Bentley on November 16, 1945, to Special Agents Thomas G. Spencer and Joseph M. Kelly in the Prince George Hotel in New York City. The interview of Miss Bentley was continued on the morning of November 17, 1945, at the Hotel. On this occasion Bentley entered the room and before taking off her coat and hat, opened up her purse, took out an envelope, and threw it on the bed, stating, "Here's some Moscow gold."

Miss Bentley was informed that the FBI would take possession of this money and although no offer was made to give her a receipt for the same, she did not request one. Thereafter the money was taken to the New York Office and subsequently placed in the safe-deposit box that is maintained by the New York Office at the Park Row Branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company. The money still remains in this safe-deposit box.

During the time Miss Bentley has been interviewed by Agents of the New York Office she has on two or three occasions inquired as to what disposition would eventually be made of the \$2,000. She was informed on all of these occasions that this was a matter that would have to be decided some time in the future and no definite commitment was made to her concerning the money. (65-56402-3875)

The New York Office conferred with SAAG Thomas J. Donegan for his opinion regarding the disposition of the \$2,000. By letter dated March 6, 1951, Mr. Donegan referred the problem to Mr. James M. McInerney, Assistant Attorney General of the Department.

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Miss Bentley stated that this sum was given to her by [REDACTED] to compensate her for services as a Russian espionage agent although at the time he gave it to her, she had ceased such activities." Mr. Donegan also advised, "Miss Bentley has inquired on a number of occasions as to what disposition will be made of this money. She did not in so many words state that she considered herself as having an interest therein, although her inquiry might indicate that she believed she might have some claim to the \$2,000."

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"A. Order such agency to deliver the property to any other agency which requests and in his judgment shall be given the property, or--

"B. Order disposal of the property as otherwise provided by law August 27, 1935, c.740 -- 49 Stat 879."
(65-56402-3890)

It is to be noted that Mr. Donegan in his letter to the Department merely stated that Miss Bentley turned the \$2,000 over to the New York Office of the FBI and he did not give further details as to how this transmittal was consummated.

The detailed facts set forth above surrounding the transmittal of the \$2,000 to the New York agents was furnished to the Bureau by the New York Office. It was noted that the dictator was "T.G.S." believed to be Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer, one of the agents who received the money for the Bureau. Former Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly, who was at the Bureau when New York's letter was received, advised that the facts as related by the New York Office were absolutely correct.

In view of the above information, the question arose as to whether Bentley's transmittal of the \$2,000 to the Bureau was such as to come within the definition of a voluntary abandonment and, therefore, fall within the terms of the above statute and vest title in the United States. She could contend that she did not waive or release her claim to the money when she let the FBI take it, but merely produced the \$2,000 to substantiate her story concerning Soviet espionage and thought that it would be returned to her. (65-56402-3890)

By letter dated April 6, 1951, the Bureau instructed New York to contact Bentley and discuss the question of the disposition of the \$2,000 with her. Further, to obtain a total written release from her, if she planned to make no claim for the money. Bentley informed New York that she desired to discuss the matter with her attorney. She advised New York on June 30, 1951, that she had just received word from her attorney, Godfrey Schmitt, that he had made a comprehensive study of the situation and informed her that he could see no legal reason why the money should be forfeited to the United States Government. (Ibid 3912)

By letter dated July 31, 1951, the Bureau instructed New York to confer with SAAG Thomas J. Donegan concerning Mr. Schmitt's legal opinion and ascertain what further action Mr. Donegan deemed advisable. New York was requested to discuss the details of Bentley's transmittal of the \$2,000 to the Bureau and determine whether the statute cited by the Department in his opinion was applicable to these facts.

By letter dated October 6, 1951, New York advised that it had discussed this matter with Mr. Donegan on October 5, 1951, at which time he stated he intended to again take this entire matter up with the Department. He stated that he was of the definite opinion that the \$2,000 should be characterized as the "fruits of the crime" and as such should be adjudicated the property of the United States. He related that he would take whatever steps were necessary in Washington and in the Southern District of New York to see that this matter was cleared up once and for all as expeditiously as possible. (Ibid 3191) 3919

On October 22, 1951, Mr. Donegan advised New York that he had given this matter serious consideration and was then of the opinion that since Miss Bentley would appear as a witness before the Grand Jury and undoubtedly in the Perjury trial of William Walter Remington, he did not think it propitious to request any affidavits of her at this time. He stated he felt the best interests of the entire matter would be served if the final disposition of the money was held in abeyance until the conclusion of the second Remington trial. The Remington case was called on the calendar of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York on January 10, 1952, at which time it was put over to February 11, 1952. (Ibid 3123, NY teletype 1-17-52)

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that we are still striving for prosecutions of the individuals Bentley has alleged to have been engaged in Soviet espionage and, further, because it is impossible to foresee future developments and judge the evidentiary value of the \$2,000 at the present time, it is believed that the Bureau should retain the money Bentley received from Gromov. In order to resolve this problem promptly and without litigation which may antagonize Miss Bentley, it is recommended that the Bureau pay her \$2,000 and obtain a complete release from her for any claim that she may have for the \$2,000 she received from Gromov. In this connection, it may be noted that Miss Bentley has been extremely cooperative with the Bureau since November, 1945, when she went to the New York Office and presented allegations leading to the extensive investigation in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was., et al Espionage Case. Since November, 1945, she has been

interviewed frequently and extensively in connection with internal security, espionage and loyalty investigations and undoubtedly will be interviewed on such subjects many times in the future. She has furnished invaluable information to the Bureau. The Bureau has never paid her for her information or services and she has never requested money nor has she ever made a formal demand for the \$2,000 she turned over to the Bureau in November, 1945. It is believed that Miss Bentley would not be making inquiries concerning the \$2,000 if she was not pressed financially. It is felt that this matter could be resolved satisfactorily by payment of \$2,000 to her for her assistance and services to the Bureau.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: January 22, 1952

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY
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DATE 11-5-88 BY SP5 RPT/BJ

PURPOSE

To recommend the Bureau pay Elizabeth Bentley \$2,000, in lieu of the \$2,000 she received in October, 1945, from Anatoli Gromov, First Secretary of the Russian Embassy.

BACKGROUND

In October, 1945, Gromov gave Bentley \$2,000 in \$20 bills with "no strings attached." She believed the money was payment for her past Soviet espionage activities, as well as an attempt to secure her good will. On November 17, 1945, Bentley entered the hotel room at the Prince George Hotel, New York City, where she was being interviewed by Bureau agents, and before taking off her coat and hat, opened her purse, took out an envelope and threw it on the bed stating "here's some Moscow gold." She was informed the FBI would take the money. She requested no receipt and none was offered. The money is now in a safe-deposit box maintained by New York.

On two or three occasions, while being interviewed by Special Agents, Bentley has inquired regarding the disposition of the \$2,000. She has made no formal demand for the money. New York discussed this matter with SAAG T. J. Donegan. He advised Bentley had no interest or claim to the money, since it was payment for her activities as a Soviet espionage agent. On March 6, 1951, he referred the problem to the Department. The Department advised him by letter of March 14, 1951, that the \$2,000 should be treated as property abandoned to the Bureau and vested in the U. S. Government. Bentley's attorney has advised her he sees no legal reason why the money should be forfeited to the United States Government.

SAAG Donegan was apprised of the attorney's opinion. The question was also raised with him as to whether the facts surrounding Bentley's transmittal of the money to the Bureau are such as to constitute an abandonment, thereby vesting title in the U. S. Government. Donegan has deferred further action in this matter until conclusion of the second William Walter Remington Perjury trial, since Bentley will be a witness in that case. The Remington case is scheduled to be called in the U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, on February 11, 1952.

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Miss Bentley called on Assistant Director A. H. Belmont on January 15, 1952, and expressed an interest in ascertaining whether the Department had decided to return the \$2,000 to her.

It is believed the Bureau should retain the \$2,000 Bentley received from Groman because (1) we are still striving for prosecutions of the individuals involved in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case and (2) it is impossible to foresee future developments and judge the evidentiary value of the money at the present time. Miss Bentley has been extremely cooperative with the Bureau since November, 1945. The Bureau has never paid her for her information or services and she has never requested payment.

There is attached a detailed memorandum setting forth the background of this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Bureau pay Miss Bentley \$2,000 for services rendered and obtain a complete release from her for any claim she may have for the money she received from Groman.

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ELIZABETH FERRILL BENTLEY
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Reference is made to the telephone call from SA Thomas Spender of the New York Office to Mr. L. L. Laughlin of the Bureau on January 22, 1952, regarding Miss Bentley's inquiry concerning the \$2,000 which she made at the Bureau last week.

For your information, Miss Bentley called on Assistant Director A. H. Belmont on January 15, 1952, and advised that she was in Washington on a flying visit to appear before the HCUA. She mentioned that she frequently wanted to come into the Bureau, and particularly to see the Director but that she realized that he was a very busy man.

Miss Bentley advised that she was very much interested in whether the Department of Justice had decided to return her the \$2,000 which she had turned over to New York Special Agents of this Bureau at the time of her initial interview in New York. She was informed that the Bureau would look into this matter and would have the New York Office contact her relative thereto.

The Bureau desires to retain the \$2,000 Bentley received from Anatoli Gromov and turned over to us on November 17, 1945, because (1) we are still stripping for prosecutions of the individuals involved in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case, and (2) it is impossible to foresee future developments and judge the evidentiary value of the money at the present time.

Inasmuch as Miss Bentley has been very cooperative and has never been compensated, nor has she ever requested compensation, for her information and services, you are authorized to pay her \$2,000 from your confidential fund and obtain a complete and total written release from her wherein she waives any claim she may have for the \$2,000 she received from Gromov. The release should be retained by your office and should not be destroyed without Bureau approval.

You should advise the Bureau when payment has been made to Miss Bentley.

(Director approved payment, Callahan advises N.Y. should pay from its confidential fund.)

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